



TEXAS Board of Architectural Examiners

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Frequently Asked Questions about the Scholarship Award

What does AREFAF stand for?

Architect Registration Examination Financial Assistance Fund.

I have just started taking the ARE. Can I receive an award now and use it to pay for portions of the exam at a later date?

No. According to rule 1.52(b)(4), "Each recipient shall have attained passing scores on sections of the ARE for which the combined fees total at least \$500."

I'm a little behind in my record maintenance fees. Will this be a problem?

Yes, you must be "in good standing" which means that all fees owed to TBAE must be paid in full. Once the delinquent fee and any applicable penalties are paid you qualify for an award if all other eligibility requirements are met.

What are the financial requirements?

The statute requires TBAE to "consider at a minimum the financial need of each person applying for an award." TBAE uses the gross adjusted income on the applicant's most recent federal tax return to gauge financial need. The current maximums are \$52,000 if filing status is single, \$75,000 if filing status is married, and \$63,500 if filing status is Head of Household.

May I receive more than one award?

No. Rule 1.52(b) states that "A onetime maximum award of \$500 shall be awarded to each approved applicant."

I have already completed the exam and received my registration certificate. Could I still qualify for an award?

Yes, if you completed at least one section of the examination after September 1, 1999, and meet all of the other award criteria.

I completed the ARE and received my initial registration in Texas; I recently moved to another state and hold a reciprocal registration there. Do I qualify for an award?

No, you must reside in Texas for at least 18 months immediately preceding the date shown on your application.

If I am turned down for an award, can I reapply?

Yes. You may reapply once all of the requirements have been met.

Is it okay to email my application to TBAE?

Yes, as long as both your application and your tax return are signed and dated. You may also fax, mail, or hand deliver your application and attachments to TBAE.